

REMARKS

The Official Action dated May 14, 2008 has been received and carefully noted. The above amendments to the claims, and the following remarks, are submitted as a full and complete response thereto.

As a preliminary matter, Applicants acknowledge the renumbering of claims 58-63 as claims 56-61. Therefore, though new claims have been submitted herewith, these new claims have been numbered 62-65, to be consistent with the Examiner's renumbering.

Claims 1, 4, 7, 10-14, 22-25, 27, 28, 42, and 43 have been amended to more particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which Applicant regards as the invention. Similarly, new claims 62-65 have been added to recite additional limitations of the elected invention, as will be discussed below. Claims 1-31, 42, 43, and 62-65 are respectfully submitted for consideration.

The Official Action dated May 14, 2008 was a restriction requirement which required that Applicants elect one of the following four inventions:

Invention I, recited in claims 1-31, 42, and 43, drawn to routing messages through an IP Multimedia System, IMS;

Invention II, recited in claims 32-41, drawn to converting a message received in accordance to a first protocol to a second protocol and then sending the message;

Invention III, recited in claims 44-55, drawn to providing network services to a subscriber using a subscriber's database; and

Invention IV, recited in claims 56-61, drawn to optimizing a call session control function using an outbound proxy function.

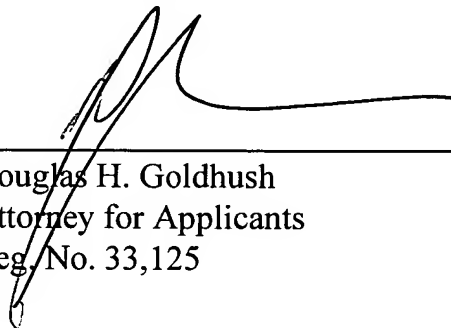
Applicants hereby elect to prosecute the subject matter of Invention I, recited in claims 1-31, 42, and 43, as well as new claims 62-65 as noted below. Non-elected claims have been cancelled herein.

New claims 62-65 are directed to Invention I. Claims 62-64 are directed to an apparatus which carries out the method of claim 1, and new claim 65 is directed to a computer program which controls a computer to implement the method of claim 1. It is respectfully submitted that all of claims 1-31, 42, 43, and 62-65 are directed to elected subject matter. Timely consideration on the merits is respectfully requested.

In the event there are any fees due with the respect of this paper, the applicants respectfully petition for an appropriate extension of time. Any fees for such an extension together with any additional fees may be charged to Counsel's Deposit Account 50-2222.

If for any reason the Examiner determines that the application is not now in condition for allowance, it is respectfully requested that the Examiner contact, by telephone, the applicants' undersigned attorney at the indicated telephone number to arrange for an interview to expedite the disposition of this application.

Respectfully submitted,



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